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SUBJ: UN FIFTH COMMITTEE: SUMMARY OF 51ST MEETING,  
DECEMBER 15, 1976

1. SUMMARY: FIFTH COMMITTEE IN AN AFTERNOON MEETING DECEMBER  
15 BEGAN DISCUSSION OF ITEM 105 - UNEF/UNDOF FINANCING,  
AND APPROVED \$1,977,900 IN SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR  
UNCTAD, STEMMING FROM THE FOURTH SESSION IN NAIROBI.  
SOME OF THE UNCTAD POSTS CUT BY ACABQ WERE RESTORED,  
ON A PROPOSAL BY SRI LANKA, BY A VOTE OF 66 - 17 (US) -  
7. UNCTAD WILL BE FURTHER DISCUSSED DECEMBER 17.  
END AUMMARY

2. ITEM 105 - UNEF/UNDOF FINANCING. AFTER OPENING REMARKS  
BY ACABQ CHAIRMAN MSELLE AND CONTROLLER DEBATIN, FINLAND  
(VITZTHUM) AND AUSTRIA (LITSCHAUER) BOTH COMMENTED UPON THE  
OBLIGATION OF ALL MEMBER STATES TO MEET THEIR  
RESPONSIBILITIES IN FINANCING; FINLAND NOTED THAT A SHORTFALL  
REMAINS WHILE AUSTRIA COMMENTED THAT MAINTENANCE COSTS HAVE  
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CLEARLY INCREASED SINCE 1974 AND THAT PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION  
OF THE PRESENT MANDATE ON OCTOBER 21, 1977, AN  
INFLATIONARY INCREASE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY THE 32ND  
GA. POLAND (ZDROJOWY) CAUTIONED THAT IN PLANNING AND PRACTICE,  
THE FORCES SHOULD BE VIEWED AS AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY  
MEASURE. RECOMMENDED POSSIBLE ELIMINATION OF DUPLICATIVE

CIVILIAN FUNCTIONS PRESENTLY BEING PERFORMED BY THE MILITARY. JAPAN (AKASHI) INDICATED ITS CONCERN FOR CONTRIBUTIONS IN ARREARS; SPECIFICALLY NOTED US VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION OF \$10,000,000. BELIEVED UPGRADING OF D-2 POSITION TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL WOULD BE EXCESSIVE IN AN ALREADY TOP-HEAVY COMMAND. SWEDEN (LELLKI) NOTING THAT THE SUM OF \$75,000,000 WAS STILL OWING TO IT BECAUSE OF ITS PARTICIPATION IN VARIOUS PEACEKEEPING FORCES, ALSO EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT HIGHER MAINTENANCE COSTS DUE TO WORLD-WIDE INFLATION WOULD BE REVIEWED. ALGERIA (BOUAYAD-AGHA) SOUGHT FURTHER INFORMATION AS TO WHERE PURCHASES WERE MADE FOR RATIONS AND MATERIEL. CHAIRMAN SAID A RESOLUTION EXISTED AND HE HOPED TO COMPLETE ITEM AT DECEMBER 16 MEETING.

3. ITEM 92 - UN ACCOMMODATIONS. WITHOUT DISCUSSION COMMITTEE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS SECRETARY GENERAL'S AND ACABQ REPORTS ON UN ACCOMMODATIONS IN ADDIS ABABA, BANGKOK, SANTIAGO, NAIROBI AND THE PALAIS DES NATIONS.

4. ITEM 92 - REVISED ESTIMATES - UNCTAD.

(A) SRI LANKA (BRECKENRIDGE) INTRODUCED FROM THE FLOOR PROPOSALS FOR THE RESTORATION OF SOME REDUCTIONS MADE BY THE ACABQ. SPECIFICALLY: (A) ONE P-3 AND ONE GS POST IN TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY UNIT - \$34,700, (B) ONE P-3 IN MANUFACTURES AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES PROGRAM - \$19,300, (C) ONE P-3 AND ONE P-2 IN ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES PROGRAM - \$34,900, (D) ONE P-2 AND ONE GS POSITION FOR SPECIAL PROGRAM INVOLVING LEAST DEVELOPED, LAND-LOCKED AND DEVELOPING ISLANDS COUNTRIES - UNCLASSIFIED

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\$31,000. TOTAL SUM \$119,900 (SECTIONS 11 AND 22) AND \$24,000 (SECTION 25) OFFSET BY \$24,000 UNDER INCOME (SECTION 1).

(B) US (NORBJRY) WHILE STATING THAT IT COULD JOIN A CONSENSUS TO APPROVE ACABQ RECOMMENDATIONS, EXPRESSED SOME DOUBTS ABOUT INCREASES APPROVED BY ACABQ IN TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND CROSS-SECTORAL PROGRAMS, AND ALSO MADE CLEAR ITS UNDERSTANDING THAT INTEGRATEE COMMODITY POSTS APPROVED SHOULD BE VIEWED AS AD-HOC AND TEMPORARY. US ALSO SAID WHILE IT COULD SUPPORT ACABQ SUGGESTION IN PARA 23 OF ITS REPORT THAT LIMITED ACCESS MEETINGS QUESTION BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES, IT BELIEVED ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES REQUIRED THAT MEETINGS FINANCED OUT OF REGULAR BUDGET BE OPEN TO ALL. US, UK, FRANCE, JAPAN, CANADA, BELGIUM OPPOSED SRI LANKAN PROPOSALS. JAPAN THOUGHT ACABQ HAD BEEN OVER-GENEROUS IN SOME AREAS. THE SRI LANKAN PROPOSALS WERE SUPPORTED BY TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, INDIA (CALLED THEM A FAIR COMPROMISE),

PHILIPPINES, INDONESIA. NETHERLANDS (RHODIUS) ASKED THAT A SYG REPRESENTATIVE STATE WHETHER OR NOT THE APPROVED UNCTAD PROGRAM COULD BE CARRIED OUT WITH REDUCTIONS RECOMMENDED BY ACABQ. CONTROLLER REPLIED THAT THIS WAS DIFFICULT QUESTION. SYG WOULD HAVE BEEN INCLINED TO ACCEPT ACABQ PROPOSALS FOR TIME BEING; UNCTAD SYG WAS UNEASY BUT WOULD DO HIS BEST TO LIVE WITHIN MEANS GIVEN HIM.

(C) UK AND FRANCE TOOK POSITION LIKE THAT OF US ON LIMITED ACCESS MEETINGS; INDIA (IYER) SAID IT WAS POINTLESS TO REFER THIS QUESTION TO COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES WHERE NO CONSENSUS WAS POSSIBLE; SUGGESTED THAT IT EITHER BE REFERRED TO UNCTAD OR THAT FIFTH COMMITTEE ITSELF TAKE A DECISION.

(D) SRI LANKAN PROPOSALS FOR RESTORATION OF POSTS WERE VOTED ON A SA SINGLE AMENDMENT TO THE ACABQ RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CUTS. THEY WERE ADOPTED 66 - 17 (US, EE'S, SOME WEO'S) - 7. A VOTE WAS THEN TAKEN ON ACABQ RECOMMENDATIONS AS AMENDED. UNCLASSIFIED

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THEY WERE ADOPTED 72 - 11 (US, EE'S) - 6. ON SECOND VOTE SEVERAL WEO'S WITCHED FROM ABSTENTION TO YEST OR FROM NO TO ABSTENTION TO SHOW THEY APPROVED ACABQ ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATIONS. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS APPROVED FOR THE BIENNIUM 1976-77 AMOUNT TO \$1,977,900 (SECTIONS 11 AND 12), \$334,000 (SECTION 25) OFFSET BY \$334,000 INCOME (SECTION 1).

(E) UK (STUART) MADE FORMAL ORAN PROPOSAL THAT LIMITED ACDESS MEETINGS QUESTION BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES AS ACABQ HAD SUGGESTED. AT THIS POINT A SRI LANKA DRAFT DECISION (AC/5/31/L.37) WAS DISTRIBUTED. IT PROVIDED INTER ALIA THAT QUESTION OF SERVICING MEETINGS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO UNCTAD. (COPY DATAFAXED TO IO-WEINER). US ASKED WHETHER UK AND SRI LANKAN PROPOSALS WERE INCOMPATIBLE AND WHICH HAD PRIORITY. REPLY WAS DEFERRED UNTIL SUBSEQUENT MEETING. SRI LANKA DRAFT ALSO ADDRESSED QUESTION OF UNCTAD FLEXIBILITY IN USE OF RESOURCES. SCRANTON

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